

# Altona Primary School

*Knowledge and Nurturing by the Bay*

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## Upcoming Events

### July 29

Robotics Melbourne  
Regional Competition

### July 31

Grade 1 Yarrabee  
Excursion

### August 2

Preps 100 Days of  
School

## Principal's Corner

Welcome back to term 3. I had an extra week of long service leave and holidayed in Thailand with my wife. It has been an amazing second week of term.

Congratulations to Ryley (54th) and Magnus (12<sup>th</sup>) who recently competed in the state cross-country championships. There was a field of 96 competitors. What an extraordinary effort to make it to the state championships and do so well.

Congratulations to Amelie (Grade 6) who was awarded a full scholarship to Westbourne Grammar. Amelie has worked very hard to achieve her academic success.

Gavin Scholes, from Telstra, gave out the prizes for the Ideas competition he initiated here at APS. Gavin, who is an ex student, has been very generous in his sponsorship also donating an IT award and two physical education scholarships annually. The prize winners were: 1. Charlotte Markby: vacuum cleaner to clean up the plastic bags in the oceans, 2. Lola Gough: a filtered straw for countries with unhealthy drinking water 3. Beth Thomas: a bus app to make catching busses easier.

We had the final of APS Has Got Talent today. Congratulations to all of the performers. These events are very special occasions at Altona Primary School. You can see staff, parents and students glowing with pride and appreciation. The winners were 1<sup>st</sup> Olivia Chilcott, 2<sup>nd</sup> Zara Harnden and Issy Smith, 3<sup>rd</sup> Crystal Galea.

## Important Links

The links below will give you access to important information relating to our school

[Altona Primary School Compass](#)

[Altona Primary School Website](#)

[Altona Primary School Values](#)

[Child Safe Standards](#)

[School Calendar](#)

- Term 3 and Term 4 calendar

## **Working Bee**

The Working Bee will be on Saturday August 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. We will have drinks and pizza to celebrate after the working bee. If you could bring your own tools and materials that would be appreciated. We will mow and whipper snip the nature strips, dig around the play equipment, clean the drinking troughs, removed spider webs, trim trees, sweep and use blowers on playing areas and footpaths and around buildings, restack the back shed, and clean papers and rubbish from the garden beds. We also have 50 trees to plant. If you bring a mower or whipper snipper, please make sure it is in good working order and wear earmuffs and safety glasses (this is an education department and school requirement under OH&S).

There are also induction forms for adults to be read and sign prior to and bring to the working bee. This again is part of the new OH&S requirements.

After all the work during the holidays, the grounds need a good clean up.

Please fill in the form below if you are attending.

We have finally finished the repairs to the asphalt areas, concrete paths, basketball court, newcombe court, front fence and the painting of Mrs. Kenny and Ms. Nikolic's portable. This has taken months of planning, documentation and a thorough tender process. I am really pleased with the results.

We also have the landscaping occurring next to Mr. Hargreaves room. I am told it will be finished in the next two weeks.

As part of our recent OH&S audit and ongoing monitoring of equipment, we had our playground equipment audited. Vic Webster has repaired and replaced parts of the equipment as outlined in the audit report. We will decide this week the necessary changes to the old piece of climbing equipment that has the large rings.

Congratulations to Ms. Yolanda Bircher and Ms. Kate Nikolic who have both been re-employed for 2018. I am sure the students and families in their grades will agree they are both excellent teachers.

Congratulations to Kate Beckman and Leanne Hudson who are both expecting in late December early January. Leanne and Kate will be on maternity leave from very early December.

## **Working Bee Form August 5<sup>th</sup> 2017**

I/ We will be attending the APS working bee. Names & Grades:

Name.....Child's Grade.....

I/WE will be staying for pizza and drinks.....

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Please collect the OH&S documents from the office, complete and return to the office.. And sign in when you arrive.

## COMPASS

As a school, we aim to communicate with families' effectively using Compass, the school newsletter and school website. By using these three methods, we will be able to communicate in a way that keeps everyone up to date and informed.

Compass will provide families with instant updates about what is happening at APS. Some of the ways we will use Compass include:

- Providing event information for camps, excursions, assemblies and whole school events
- Distributing the school newsletter
- Email communication between the school and families
- Providing general reminders for anything in the near future

The weekly school newsletter is a way for us to communicate to the families of APS as well as the broader school community. Some of the ways we will use the school newsletter include:

- Principal communication and announcements
- Providing short term and long term notification of school events and key dates
- Links to relevant parent information including Compass, school website sections as well as the Family and Friends committee
- Summarising recent school events with links for more information
- Showcasing the award winners of the week

The school website is a way for us to communicate to the families of APS as well as anyone interested in our school. We will use the website for:

- Providing detailed descriptions and reflections of school events and activities that include photos
- Sharing curriculum focus for each year level
- Short term and long term overviews of school events and activities
- Links to relevant parent information including Compass and the school newsletter
- Friends and Family committee

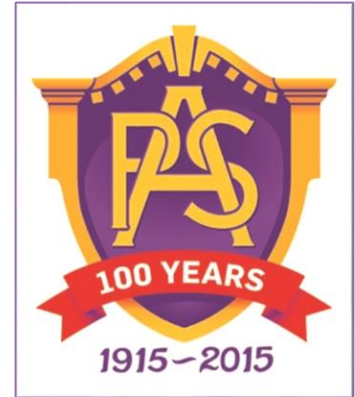
We believe this will ensure effective lines of communication for everyone associated with Altona Primary School.

## What's happening at APS?

We have 2 excursions happening next week, to Yarrabee Yesterdays World and Werribee Zoo.

The Robotics Regional Competition is also happening and the Preps 100 days of school.

Bookclub is due tomorrow, 28<sup>th</sup> July.



### Values and Awards

**Congratulations. This week's focus is Respect.**

**Dylan Caruana 56XV**

**Tom Hudson 56J**

**Bridget Corluka 56HD**

**Dion Iljazoski 56F**

**Neena Taueki-Stevens 56M**

**Will Kilpatrick 4M**

**Madison Cody 56T**

**Fionn O'Toole 4B**

### Student Leader Corner

Which two teachers did the school photographer take a photo of assuming they were siblings?

- A. Miss Mac and Miss Mckendrick
- B. Miss Farrow and Miss Nikki
- C. Mrs Hudson and Mrs Douglas

What teacher did Miss Mac help with fashion advice when buying a new pair of shoes in Pier Street?

- A. Mr Fava
- B. Mr Gilpin
- C. Mr Mac

### Family and Friends Committee

The Friends and Families Committee is selling Scout raffle tickets for a few more weeks, and have started the Woolworths Earn and Learn program. We also need your help with a sewing project!

More information can be found using the following link:

[Friends and Family Committee](#)

# **A.P.S. Art Show 2017**

**Opening night August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7-9pm**

**Adults only Auction Night**

**Entertainment & Refreshments - Tickets \$15**

**Public viewing & Gallery opening times:**

***Thursday August 24<sup>th</sup> - 3:30 to 7:00pm***

***Friday August 25<sup>th</sup> - 3:30 to 7:00pm***

***Saturday August 26<sup>th</sup> - 10:00am to 12:00pm***

**Admission: Adult \$5 - Child \$2**



**Tickets and enquires at the school - Phone: 9398 2925**